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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Hirohisa A. Tanaka *et al.*
APPLICATION NO.: 09/898,497
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LOCATION-SENSITIVE, SUBSIDIZED CELL
PHONE BILLING
EXAMINER: James S. McClellan
GROUP ART UNIT: 3627
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 20662-07121

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.181 AND MPEP § 711.03(C)

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 30, 2003 in the above case, stating that Applicants had not filed a timely response to the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2003.

In reality, Applicants filed a response including a Request for Continued Examination and Response B by facsimile on September 29, 2003. Also included in the submission was authorization to charge the necessary fees to a deposit account. An "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission" was generated and faxed back by the PTO, confirming that the entire 12 pages of the submission was received. Copies of the original submission as well as the response fax from the PTO are included with this Petition.

Accordingly, since Applicants filed, and the PTO received, a proper response to the May 29 Office Action, the Office is asked to withdraw the holding of abandonment.

If any additional information is required, please contact the Attorney for Applicants at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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